

ABSTRACT

[0064] An IC contact unit is described which includes an actuator, such as a solenoid, that is miniaturized by using transfer force of an IC card, and the whole apparatus is made compact and consumed electric power is reduced. An IC contact unit includes a movable support provided with an IC contact point capable of coming in contact with a terminal of an IC card and is characterized in that guide portions for guiding the movable support are provided in a unit main body, guide members to be inserted in the guide portions are provided at the movable support, a pawl member to be engaged with an and portion of the IC card is formed at the movable support, the pawl member is projected to a card transfer surface by an actuator, and the movable support is moved by transfer force of the IC card.